

I know we want improvements at the Merritt Dam. I know we want improvements at the Arnold Park. I know we want improvements all the way across the state and that revenue has to be there Senator Cullan to do that kind of job. I think this is a way to do it and Senator Reutzel I rise to support wholeheartedly the amendments and the bill you have before you.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I certainly do agree with Senator Reutzel on his amendments as proposed this morning. I can assure you there are some people who view them perhaps with suspicion but they're really being forthright in what they're trying to bring to you. You're all aware of the tax it imposes on soft drinks. You're aware of where they go. You're aware of the districts in which we receive the benefits. You've been completely briefed in the situation relating to LB 109. There is really nothing new to bring up relating to this. I certainly ask you to adopt the amendment and bring the bill forward.

SENATOR MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. Chairman, I would move the previous question on the advancement of the amendments.

SENATOR MARVEL: Are there five seconds to the...Chair sees five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Marvel voting no.

SENATOR MARVEL: Have you all voted? Clerk record the vote.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 7 nays.

SENATOR MARVEL: Motion lost. Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise with some mixed emotions, but I would rise to support the amendment. Then I'm going to just sit and listen for a while because I would hope that we would adopt the amendment and then proceed with the discussion in more detail later on. I think that we have a lot of questions that we need to ask about the bill. The bill needs to be thoroughly discussed not only its impact upon the industry but what it will do for the people of the state of Nebraska and the alternatives to what might be the sources of revenue if we do not adopt this approach. I will ask to adopt the amendment and then proceed with the bill.

PRESIDENT WHELAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. You have your proposed committee amendments before you and these are committee amendments. The tax commissioner did consult us about some problems. You have before you and very quickly I will go through it with you. Section 1 is nothing more than a definition, instead of legislative intent as the green bill had it. Section 2 or paragraph 2 is a definition of soft drinks